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RITUAL

OF

SUBORDINATE LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER

OF

GOOD SAMARITANS AND DAUGHTERS OF SAMARIA,

U. S. OF AMERICA.

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RULES.

The following Rules are to be observed by all Grand and Subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the "Supreme Grand Lodge", I. O. of G. S. and D. of S., U. S. of America:

1st. No member will be allowed to remain in the lodge-room during the opening ceremonies who is indebted to the lodge to the amount of one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50).

2d. After the lodge has been opened, no unfinancial member will be permitted to enter, unless he or she is prepared to make himself or herself financial on the books of the lodge.

3d. The W. P. Chief (P. P. Daughter) is prohibited from giving the Quarterly Password to any member whose indebtedness exceeds one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50).

4th. Visiting members not in posession of the Quarterly Password will not be allowed to remain in the lodge during the opening ceremonies. Neither can one member vouch for any member from another lodge.

5th. The "position for installation" is standing, the right hand placed upon the left breast, and the left hand on the Holy Bible.

6th. Should objection be made to the installation of any officer of the lodge, the will of the members is asked by the Installing Officer. The matter shall be immediately investigated, and if the objection be reasonable, or of a serious nature, the officer so objected to shall not be installed. A new election may be ordered, or the objection may be set aside, at the best discretion of the Installing Officer.

7th. Past Grand Chiefs [Past Grand Presiding Daughters] associate equals; Grand Chiefs [Grand Presiding Daughters] are equals; Past Chiefs [Past Presiding Daughters] are equals. When acting as Installing Officer, he shall be addressed as "Right Worthy Grand Installing Officer", and all others, so acting, by their regular titles.

8th. Any member of the Order who is not a Past Chief [Past Presiding Daughter], his equal, her equal, or his [her] superior in rank, shall not act as Installing Officer under any circumstances; and if one not thus qualified should so act, the installation shall be invalid and of non-effect.

9th. During the ceremony of installation the lodge is in the unrestricted charge of the Installing Officer, whom all must obey.

This Ritual is prepared for Union Lodges, but with slight alterations can be used as well by lodges of either sex, by using W. C., or P. D.

OPENING.

The lodge is called to order with one rap of the gavel, by the W. Chief. or. P. D., who says:

W. C. (or P. D.)—The lodge will come to order, the members will clothe themselves in regalia, and the officers will take their respective stations.

Worthy Vice Chief (or D. of F.)—For what purpose are we assembled this evening?

W. V. C. (or D. of F.)—To open a lodge of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Worthy Vice Chief (or Daughter of Fount), you will satisfy yourself that all present are Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria and that the entrance to the lodge-room is duly guarded.

The Vice Chief (or Daughter of Fount) directs the Conductor, or Daughter Conductress, to receive the Password or Key from each Brother and Sister, and report.

Con. (or D. Con.), W. V. (or D. of F.)—All the members present are qualified to remain.

V. C. (or D. of F.)—The lodge is duly guarded, and all present are Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Are the officers at their respective stations?

V. C. (or D. of F.)—They are, except [naming the absentees by the title of their office].

The Chief (or P. D.) gives three raps, and the members rise and sing either of the Opening Odes:

With zeal inspired we here do meet,
Our works of love pursue,
As Good Samaritans we greet
And ease a brother's woe.

We'll bind the wounded, heal the sick,
We'll feel a brother's care;
We'll bring him to our asylum
And all his sorrows share.

Here we meet, a social band,
Pledged together, heart and hand,
In this noble cause to stand,
And fight for victory.
Never wearied or dismayed
In this noble cause to save,
We, the champions so brave,
Shall strive for victory.

The Chaplain (or Daughter of Lessons) then reads a portion of Scripture, or prayer.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Members will now assist in opening the lodge.

All give the countersign. *

W. C. (or P. D.)—Can I declare this lodge duly opened, and recommend that the members be governed by Love, Purity and Truth.

[*One Rap. Lodge seated.*]

1st. * Z. G. F. P. A – E. X. D. V – V. W. M.

Y. N – Y. F. C. T – D. Z. X. C – E. X.
D. V – G. A. R. N – L. V. A. F. K. N –
2d. V. F. W. K. A – W. N – Z. A. V. Z. A. C. T.
W. P. D. G. F. V – Z. F. G. Q – X. D. N –
3d. G. A. N – W. N – R. F. G. G – N. X – E.
X. D. V – K. W. T. A –

ROUTINE OF BUSINESS.

1st. Opening of the lodge with singing and prayer, or reading of the Scriptures.

2d. The proceedings of the last meeting read by the Secretary, and should no objection be stated, the Presiding Officer shall declare the proceedings stand approved.

3d. Roll of Officers called.

4th. Officers absent at the last meeting called to explain the cause of their absence.

5th. Communication in relation to the good and welfare of the lodge and of the Order.

6th. Communications in regard to the sick and distressed of the lodge and of the Order.

7th. Petition for membership received, read and referred.

8th. Report of Standing Committee received, read and acted upon.

9th. Balloting for Candidates.

10th. Report of Sick Committee.

11th. Report of Select Committee.

12th. Initiation of Candidates.

13th. Deferred and New Business.

14th. Appointment of Committees.

15th. Calling of the Financial Roll.

16th. Receipts of the evening made known to the lodge by the Secretary.

17th. Closing of the lodge with the usual ceremonies.

CLOSING.

Three raps. Lodge rises.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Brothers and Sisters, we will now proceed to close the lodge. Your presence and attention this evening have been most acceptable and claim our regards and thanks. Moved by the spirit that inspired the Good Samaritans of old, bound together by the ties of Love, Purity and Truth, may we continue to meet as a fraternal band, and sow the seeds of temperance, that it may bring forth fruit which will cause joy and gladness in the hearts of generations yet unborn.

Lodge sings:

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing
  Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each Thy love possessing,
  Triumph in redeeming grace;
    O refresh us,
    Traveling through the wilderness.

Thanks we give, and adoration,
  For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
  In our hearts and lives abound;
    May Thy presence
    With us evermore be found.

So, whene'er the signal's given.
  Us from earth to call away,
Borne on Angel's wings to heaven,
  Glad the summons to obey.
    May we ever
    Reign with Christ in endless day.

Now with love each other greeting,
  Lord, we to our homes repair;
Let Thy blessing crown our meeting,—
  In Thy favor may we share.
Wisely may we fill our stations,
  Spread Thy glory while we live,
Then in heavenly habitations
  Lasting praises may we give.

Benediction.

W. C. (or P. D.)—I now declare this lodge duly closed until next———, at——o'clock.

Members response.—So mote it be.

Initiation.

The Conductor, or D. Con., having ascertained that there are one or more candidates in waiting, the W. Chief, or P. D., directs the Financial Secretary, or Daughter of Finance, to proceed to the ante-room with the Conductor, or Daughter Conductress, receive the initiation fee, and question the candidate as follows :

What is your age?

Your occupation?

Your residence?

Are you single or married?

Are you sound in body and mind?

Are you willing to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the lodge and the General Regulations of the Order?

Are you willing to sign the abstinence pledge?

The Financial Secretary, or Daughter of Finance, enters and reports as follows :

F. S. (or D. of F.)—W. C., or P. D., we find in the ante-room the following named persons [names given]. They have answered the usual questions, and now await your orders.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Let the signal be given.

The Inside Sentinel gives one rap on the door. The W. Con., or D. Con., answers by three raps from the outside. The I. Sentinel opens the wicket and says :

I. Sent.—Who is there to disturb the meditations of the members? Who wishes to intrude upon our peaceful retreat?

Con.—Strangers who are desirous of leaving behind them the follies of the world and wish to gain admittance among those who strive to overcome our common enemy.

I. Sent.—Will they sign the abstinence pledge?

Con.—They will.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Let them enter.

The Conductor, or D. Con., takes the candidates each by the hand as they enter, and says:

"Welcome stranger!"

The candidates are led around the room three times, and halt in front of the W. V. or D. of F., while the lodge rises and sings:

A traveler journeying many years ago,
Down from Jerusalem to Jerico,
Fell among thieves who wounded him and fled,
Leaving him stripped of raiment and half-dead.

Chorus–Who is my neighbor, hear the poor Jew cry;
Who will rescue me, help me or I die.
(*Repeat.*)

By chance a certain Priest came down that way,
Who looked upon him, but left him where he lay;
Likewise a Levite, walking in his pride,
With eyes turned heavenward, passed on the other side.

Chorus.–Who is my neighbor, &c.

Children of the heavenly King,
As we journey, let us sing:
Sing our Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in His works and ways.

We are traveling home to God
In the way our fathers trod;
They are happy now, and we
Soon their happiness shall see.

All hail the occasion that bids us rejoice,
These strangers to welcome, exalt high each voice;
Our work is progressing, this labor of love,
Will bring down a blessing from mansions above,
To the power Almighty whose wisdom again
Hath guided our steps from oppression and pain,
To him who sustains the poor outcasts we raise,
We'll pour forth our voices in triumph and praise.

To the power Almighty, whose wisdom again
Hath guided our steps from oppression and pain;
To Him—who sustains the poor outcasts we raise—
We'll pour forth our voices in triumph and praise.

Lodge seated.

W. V. (or D. of F.)—Strangers, we greet you and bid you welcome; we would receive among our number all who manifest a desire to leave behind them those things which tend to evil, and enter upon the paths of improvement. You have come from the busy scenes of the world; you have turned aside from its fascinations and its pleasures, and now present yourselves at the entrance of our peaceful retreat. We shall require an obligation from you, that will not conflict with your religious, political, or private opinions. With this declaration on our part, are you willing that we shall proceed?

Ans.—I am.

W. V. (or D. of F.)—Your request shall be complied with, and we beg of you to call in your wandering thoughts and give your mind diligently to the objects which shall meet your view, and reflect in this retirement upon the duties we shall endeavor to impress upon your mind. You are about to travel through paths where you will receive instruction; you will be accompanied by guides who will not forsake you, and, it is hoped, the lesson you will this night receive, will not be forgotten. Worthy Conductor, or D. C., let the strangers commence their journey, and see that they falter not.

The candidates are conducted around the room twice, while the lodge rises and sings:

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, drew
Near the place where lay the wounded Jew;
Who had campassion, and with pious toil
Bound up his wounds and poured in wine and oil.

Chorus.—Go and do likewise, God loveth mercy
More than sacrifice. (*Repeat.*)

Fear not, brethren, joyful stand
On the borders of our land;
Jesus Christ, our Father's Son,
Bids us, undismayed, go on.

Glad tidings! Oh how sweet the sound,
To greet a member dear;
A sovereign balm to cure the wound,
Samaria's members bear;
We bid you welcome to the well,
That erst our fathers gave;
That crystal stream his mercies tell,
That crystal stream can save.

Lodge seated. The candidates are brought in front of the Chaplain, or D. of Lesson. He, or she, reads the 10th Chapter of St. Luke from the 25th to 37th Verse, inclusive.

W. Con. (or D. Con.)—You are now shut out from the world, and your eyes closed upon its wickedness. Nature, made beautiful by the Great Architect above, has been marred by the wickedness of man. Sickness and sorrow, pain and woe, spread their raven wings o'er this once happy and blissful world. To check the tide of wickedness and alleviate the sufferings of humanity, are among the noble objects of our Order.

Lodge rises.

Prayer by the Chaplain, or D. of L.

PRAYER.

C. (or D. of L.)—We thank Thee, Father, that other travelers from time to eternity are desirous of uniting themselves with us to rescue the unfortunate from the wiles of the fell Destroyer; that others are found who are willing to assist in binding up the bruised and wounded spirit, and of administering to such the oil and wine of consolation and of hope. Let Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, watch over and bless our labors, and speedily bring us to the enjoyment of the consummation of our hopes, in the banishment of intemperance from the land; and in all things give us hearts to say Thy will be done.

Members all respond.—Amen.

Lodge seated. The candidates are conducted around the room while the lodge sings:

Nor ever in his tender labor ceased,
Till he had borne him on his own good beast
Unto the quiet shelter of an Inn,
And on the morrow going forth again.
Chorus.—Go and do likewise, God loveth mercy
More than sacrifice.

Salvation, O the joyful sound,
'Tis pleasure to our ears;
A sovereign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

At the close of the singing, the candidates are brought in front of the W. Chief, or P. Daughter.

Con. (or D. Con.)—I present to you for further instruction these strangers, who are desirous of being united to the Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.

W. C. (or P. D.)—You will place your right hand

on your left breast and repeat, after me, the obligation and pledge.

Two loud raps are heard on the inner door, and the room is darkened.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Who seeks to gain admission, and interrupt our solemn ceremonies?

I. Sen.—The Conductor, on his or her way to the lodge, has been so fortunate as to rescue one who had fallen among thieves, and now craves admission, that his or her wounds may be bound up, and his or her miseries otherwise relieved.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Let them enter.

The Conductor then leads in the unfortunate. They march around the room in silence, excepting the noise of the Conductor's cane upon the floor, and present themselves in front of the W. C., or P. D., who thus addresses them:

W. C. (or P. D.)—Worthy Conductor, as this unfortunate member of the human family is now, through your instrumentality, admitted to this, our asylum, where his or her wants will be cared for, and all his or her woes relieved, we request you to state the nature of the sad disaster wherewith he or she has been assailed.

The unfortunate replies, with the Con., or D. Con.:

Sir, permit me to recount the story of my own misfortunes. Like all mankind, self-confidence in my own ability to avoid evil, induced me to neglect all precaution, and, with others, I mingled in all the giddy follies of the day. Business at length rendered it necessary that I should journey from my home, and while thus traveling thoughtlessly and unprepared, I was suddenly assailed by thieves, who, after using much violence in beating, wounding and robbing me, left me where I had fallen, faint and much exhausted. Although unable to arise or assist myself, I yet retained consciousness. Soon I ob-

served approaching me a reverend Priest; my heart beat strong with the hope of receiving his kind assistance; but, alas! that hope was disappointed, for he, like the Priest and Levite of old, passed me by. Others also appeared, which again caused hope to revive in my bosom; but, alas! it was momentary, for they too, passed me by; and when the last ray of hope was departing, and thick despair about to envelop me, kind Providence directed that a member of this Order should discover my unfortunate condition. With the kindly feeling of brotherly love and affection, although to him a stranger, he bound up my wounds and bid hope again revive in my bosom, and, to crown his act of charity, has brought me to your hospitable asylum.

W. C. (or P. D.)—He or she has performed his or her duty. Our Order knows no distinction among mankind but goodness. Worthy Ass't Con., you will see that the unfortunate stranger is duly provided for.

W. C. (or P. D.)—We will now proceed with the Obligation.

Candidates standing, with their left hand on the Bible and their right hand lifted up. (*Three raps.*)

In the presence of the members of this lodge and of the Order, I,————, do, on my honor, solemnly pledge myself that I will keep sacred and inviolable all the secret transactions of the Order, and I will not give nor divulge any of its secret works, signs, or tokens, to any but those who may be, by the rules of the Order, duly authorized to receive them; that I will support its Constitution and By-Laws, and will use my utmost exertions to promote its harmony and peace. And I do furthermore promise that I will not use as a beverage any spiritous or malt liquors, wine or cider; and that I will dis-

countenance the use and traffic in alcoholic drinks of every kind, and will use all moral, honest and civil means within my power to put a stop to the practice of legalizing the same; and I will, as far as practicable, seek to reclaim the inebriate from the error of his or her ways; all this I do pledge myself to perform, with a firm intention to keep my pledge unbroken.

Lodge sings:

Hark, hear the warning, stranger pause,
Think well thy purpose o'er,
Our solemn vows and covenant laws
Are binding evermore.

Lodge seated.

As the Con., or Conductress, pours out a tumbler of water, he, or she, hands it to the W. C., or P. D.

W. C. (or P. D.)—This which you now behold is sparkling water, a beverage prepared by God himself, to nourish his creatures and beautify his footstool, and as thus you see its countless drops unite and blend in one, so may we blend together, inseparably in one unruffled stream, whose purity shall wash away the stains of black intemperance, And as one drop from the wine-cup would suffice to stain this whole element of purity, so would one unworthy member dishonor our whole Order. Bearing this in mind, you will now join with me in partaking of this pure element drawn from the fountain of our Father. The W. Con., or D. Con., will now escort you to the W. P. C., or P. P. D.

Three raps. Lodge rises and sings:

Careless alike of trouble or of cost,
Took out two-pence and gave them to the host:
Saying, take care of him another day,
What thou spendest more, I will repay.

Chorus.—Go and do likewise, God loveth mercy
More than sacrifice.

Whom thinkest thou, was righteous to the man,
The Priest, the Levite, or the Good Samaritan?
He that showeth pity, go and do likewise,
God loveth mercy more than sacrifice.

Chorus.—Go and do likewise, God loveth mercy
More than sacrifice.

Or This:

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil—
O may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord prepare,
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thy self rely;
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

Now let our grateful hearts rejoice;
Our bond of union is complete;
Our members greet with tuneful voice,
While love and truth in union meet
Pure as the sparkling crystal stream;
Let each the joyful news proclaim,
For the oppressed hope still may beam —
The withered reed shall bloom again.

One rap. Lodge seated.

W. Con.—The stranger has duly taken the pledge, and is now referred to you for further instructions.

W. C. (or P. P. D.)—Brother [or Sister], the Order to which you are united was instituted solely for the purpose of benefiting the unfortunate. Behold the world as it is and as it has been, and wretchedness and misery are painfully presented to our view on every side. The philanthropic heart has long felt the necessity of an institution similar to our own, and has often sighed over the departing hope of its accomplishment. When it has seen the talented, the beautiful, and the good prostrated by the fell destroyer, as well as the poor unfortunate, exposed to the almost hopeless charity of the world, when it has seen the sons and daughters of men, like the Priest and Levite, pass them by as the objects so utterly lost as not to merit their attention. But a brighter day has dawned, and man's inhumanity to man, that standing reproach upon human nature, is, as we trust, about to be abolished. We bid you welcome.

Lodge responds.—"Thrice welcome to the bosom of an Order whose grand characteristics are unsullied honor and unwearied zeal in the cause of truth and benevolence."

W. P. C. (or P. P. D.—Brother (Sister), I am about to put you in possession of the secrets, signs, password and grip of the Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria; and here let me remind you of the solemn obligation you have taken, not only to abstain entirely from the use, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, but to keep secret, within your bosom, the secrets of the Order. We confide to you the signs, with the fullest confidence in the honesty of your intentions, and, we trust, that a strict adherance to the obliga-

tion you have taken, will prove that our confidence has not been misplaced.

We have four signs in this Order: The entering sign, the password, the countersign, and sign of recognition, and also a grip.

When you wish to enter the lodge, on coming to the outer door, you will knock to attract the attention of the sentinel who is stationed there, to whom you will give the password and, after you have given it, you will be admitted to the anteroom, where you will clothe yourself in regalia. You will then rap on the inner door, when the I. Sentinel will require of you the password; you will then give him, or her, the password; upon giving this, you will be admitted.

You will then advance to the centre of the room, facing the W. C., or P. D., and give the countersign, thus:

1st. Z. G. F. P. A – E. X. D. V – V. W. M. Y. N – Y. F. C. T – D. Z. X. C – E. X. D. V – G. A. R. N – L. V. A. F. K. N –

2d. V. F. W. K. A – W. N – Z. A. V. Z. A. C. T. W. P. D. G. F. V – Z. F. G. Q – X. D. N –

3d. G. A. N – W. N – R. F. G. G – N. X – E. X. D. V – K. W. T. A –

You will then turn and give the same sign to the W. V. C. (or D. of F.), who sits at the opposite end of the room.

The officer will answer by placing his (or her) gavel across his (or her) breast, thus. You will then take your seat.

This sign, Y F C T X C N Y A L V A F K N, is one of deep and solemn importance, and should remind us to keep the secrets of the Order within our own bosoms, also from whence spring all our

benevolent feelings for our fellow-men; and this, N Y A D Z G W R N A T Y F C T, that our Creator knows the purity of our intentions.

The sign of recognition is to enable us to discover, in a mixed company, members of our Order, whether male or female. Should you, at any time, wish to ascertain if any are members of the Order, you will, in a careless manner, A I N A C T – N Y A – G A R N – Y F C T twelve inches from N Y A – L X T E with the Z F G Q – D Z and placing N O X – R W C M A V K of the V W M Y N – Y F C T into the Z F G Q of the G A R N, at the same time looking directly at the person you wish to communicate.

Anyone desiring to recognize you, will answer thus:

A I N A C T – N Y A – V W M Y N – Y F C T twelve inches from N Y A – L X T E with the Z F G Q – D Z and placing X C A – R W C M A V of the G A R N – Y F C T into the Z F G Q of the V W M Y N. Should you be so addressed, you will answer in the same manner.

The Grip is given by pressing N Y A – N Y D Q L of the V W M Y N – Y F C T three times against the N Y W V T – U X W C N of middle R W C M A V of V W M Y N hand. The answer is given in the same manner.

The Grip and Password you are never to give, not even to a known member of the Order, except to the Outside or Inside Sentinels, and to the Conductor, or Daughter Conductress, when the lodge is about to be opened, and then only in a whisper.

Should you wish to leave the lodge previous to its being closed, you can do so by proceeding to the center of the room and giving the countersign, the same as on entering, and should you be answered

by the officers, you can retire; but if you should choose an improper time, so as to impede the business of the lodge, the officers will not give you the answering sign; in such case you will be seated until a proper time for retiring.

During the opening and closing services no member is allowed to enter or retire from the lodge. This gavel is an emblem of power, and is used to govern the lodge: one rap, when the lodge is seated, calls to order, three raps calls the lodge to its feet, and one rap re-seats it. You will now retire to the ante-room, where you will be clothed in regalia and await further instructions.

The Con. (or D C.) leads in the candidates to where the P. C., or P. P. D., is standing, and then take their seats.

W. C. (or P. D.)—It now remains that you should be conducted to the Pillar of Reflection, there to behold the object upon which you are to labor, and strive with all diligence to complete the work which the Great Ruler of the universe has given you to do.

The W. P. C., or P. P. D., then leads the candidates to the Pillar of Reflection, draws the veil and says:

W. P. C. (or P. P. D.)—Brother (or Sister), this is the Pillar of Reflection. Behold the object of your labor — yourself — and remember that man was created in the image of his Maker; that although he has fallen from his high estate, yet his case is not without a remedy; if, therefore, we would enjoy pleasure which shall endure when time shall be no longer, we should never be weary in well-doing. Ponder well, my Brother (or Sister), upon these thoughts, and may the records of eternity show that you have turned them to good account. You will now be conducted to the Pillar of In-

struction, that you may learn where to look for the result of your work.

The candidates are then taken to the Pillar of Instruction by the P. C., or P. P. D., who draws the veil and says:

W. P. C. (or W. P. P. D.)—Behold the Pillar of Instruction! Now learn that your labor can only end with life, and that, if it be properly performed, we may hope for a blissful hereafter. Although the body is subject to dissolution and decay, it is but the casket containing a jewel which sparkles with immortal brilliancy. Such, my Brother (or Sister), is the state to which we are fast hastening; the place which now knows us, will know us no more forever. Let us, therefore, improve the remainder of our brief earthly existence, that when our weak and frail bodies shall, like this solemn momento, become cold and inanimate and moulder in sepulchered dust and ruin; our disembodied spirits may soar aloft to the blessed regions of light and life eternal.

The W. P. C., or P. P. D., then leaves the candidates and take their seats. The Con., or D. C., lead the candidates around the room, stop in front of the W. C., or D. of L., and then leave them.

W. C. (or D. of L.)—Would you learn what breaks the heart and renders the happy home desolate and forsaken? Would you learn what leads the soul from the ways of peace to the paths of sin? What is it that turns love to hatred, and directs the hand of the murderer to shed blood? Would you learn the reason why, among the young and beautiful in this world, the brightest hopes are crushed and blighted by the fiend of despair? Alas! it is the drunkard's cup. Stranger, beware of the tempter! Shun the intoxicating bowl as deadly in its effects. Thy self-improvement will be crowned with success, and thy days glide on in happiness and peace.

The remainder of this lesson may be omitted if the lodge has not the scenes to represent the characters.

W. C. (or D. of L.)—Brother (Sister), contemplate for a moment the character of the scene before you. On the left you behold the innocent youth who has entered, for the first time, one of the fashionable saloons with which our cities and towns abound. You see how his eye glistens with anticipated delight as he views the ruby wine that sparkles in the cup, little dreaming that the fang of the serpent is there concealed. On his right you behold one who has taken the second step in the road to ruin; see with what an air of self-esteem and careless indifference he places himself as he raises the fatal cup and views its sparkling and bewitching contents, as if to give a lesson to his junior in vice. Next to him you behold those who have taken the third step in the road to ruin. They are engaged, as you see, in gambling, which is the legitimate offspring of intemperance. Alas! how many of the young men and young women of our land, who, after having ruined their health, squandered their property and disgraced their families by the intoxicating cup, in the vain hope of regaining their former standing, have resorted to the gambling-room! On the right, at the door of the saloon, you behold the finale of the drunkard; his body covered with wounds; his once manly form is now bloated; and his visage, though once fair, has become haggard and ghastly through the use of the intoxicating poison found in the drunkard's cup; while by his side, in the act of pouring oil upon his wounds, you behold the ante-type of our Order, the Good Samaritan, whose cause you have this night espoused; and, we hope, that the symbolic scenes which you this night behold, and the

lessons you have just received, may have a lasting impression on your mind.

The W. C., or P. D., then stands between the Pillars and the lodge joins hands, commencing at one Pillar and ending at the other, leaving the candidates in the center.

W. C. (or P. D.)—This tie is an emblem of union which should exist among us as Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.

Lodge loose hands.

W. C. (or P. D.)—Behold, the chain is broken that you may be added as another link.

W. Con., or D. Con., then places the candidate in the circle and the lodge joins hands.

W. C. (or P. D.)—May the goodly affections of the Order surround you; may love govern you in your conduct and conversation; may purity be your guiding star through life, and truth be found with you in all your dealings with mankind.

Lodge responds: "So may it be."

W. C. (or P. D.)—Brothers (Sisters), I now introduce to you [here giving the names], and trust that you will, at all times, extend to them the fraternal courtesy of the Order.

Three raps.

TEST OATH FOR OFFICERS, TO BE TAKEN BY THEM AFTER ELECTION, TO QUALIFY THEM FOR THE POSITIONS, TO WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED.

W. P. C. (or P. P. D.)—As a Past Officer of this lodge it will be my duty to obligate you before you are installed to the office to which you have been elected. You will place yourselves in position to receive the obligation.

Three raps.

I, ———, do solemnly promise, in the presence of the members of this lodge and of the Order here assembled, that I will punctually and faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I am elected. I will administer its affairs without favor, prejudice or partiality, having in view the welfare of this lodge and of the Order. I furthermore promise, declare and say, that I will be guided and governed by the laws of the Supreme Grand Lodge, acknowledging its supremacy over the Order. I furthermore promise to obey the requirements of the officers thereof, made in conformity with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Lodge and of this lodge, all of which I promise to perform, with a sincere determination to keep my word unbroken.

W. P. C. (or P. P. D.)—In token of your sincerity you will please kiss the book.

One rap.

Installation.

When the Grand Lodge Officers attend for the purpose of installing officers of a Subordinate Lodge, they shall be admitted in a body, and the grand honors paid them. The officers shall immediately surrender their several chairs to them. The Supreme Grand Lodge Officers, a Past or Present Grand Lodge Officer, shall be received in the same manner. The Installing Officer having assumed his position as Presiding Officer, announces:

Installing Officer.—Officers and members of ——— ——— Lodge, No. ———, the Grand Officers have attended for the purpose of installing the officers of your lodge for the ensuing term. Are you ready?

Worthy Chief (Presiding Daughter).—We are.

Installing Officer.—Has the Quarterly Report of your lodge been made out, the percentage and special tax, due the Grand Lodge, appropriated?

W. Chief (or P. D.)—They have.

I. O.—Worthy Secretary, are the officers-elect and appointed clear of all indebtedness on the books of the lodge?

Worthy Secretary.—They are.

I. O.—Worthy Conductor (D. Con.), have you examined the officers-elect and appointed, and are you prepared to vouch that they are constitutionally and otherwise qualified to be installed in the offices to which they have been elected and appointed?

W. Con. (or D. Con.)—I have, and vouch for them.

I. O.—Worthy Conductor (Daughter Conductress), present the officers-elect and appointed for installation.

W. Con. (or D. Con.)—Worthy Installing Officer, I present to you for installation Brother ——— (Sister———), whom the members of this lodge have elected to the offices of W. Chief, or Presiding Daughter.

G. C.—Place yourselves in the position to receive the Obligation:

Three raps.

Do you solemnly promise in presence of the members of the Order here assembled, that you will punctually and faithfully fulfil all the duties of Chief, or Presiding Daughter of this lodge; that you will administer its affairs without prejudice or partiality, having in view only the welfare of the lodge and of the Order; you promise to be guided and governed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this lodge, acknowledging the authority of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and its supremacy over the Order; you promise to obey all the requirements of the Officers thereof, made in conformity with the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge: all of which you pledge yourselves to perform, with the determination to keep your pledges unbroken.

Ans.—I do.

Lodge seated.

Having taken the obligation imposed by the regulations of our Order, in the name of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, U. S. of A., ———, I hereby declare you duly installed in the offices of Chief, or Presiding Daughter, of this lodge for the ensuing term.

You have been elevated to the offices of Chief, or Presiding Daughter, of this lodge through the partiality of your friends; but moderation and strict

integrity in the performance of your duty will insure the respect and co-operation of all the members. Let Love govern your feelings, Purity direct your purposes and Truth be your constant aim in all your acts. Prove yourselves Good Samaritans in word and in deed, and be not as the Priest and Levite of old, but raise the fallen.

The welfare of this lodge is entrusted to your care. Acquaint yourselves with the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of this lodge and of the Order, that you may properly conduct the business and thus promote its welfare and success.

The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress, will now clothe you in the regalia of your office and conduct you to seats [the Chief at the left hand and the Presiding Daughter at the right hand of the Installing Officer].

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we present to you for Installation our worthy Brother, or Sister, whom the members of this Lodge have duly elected Vice Chief, or Daughter of Fount?

G. C.—Receive the Obligation.

Three raps.

Do you solemnly promise that you will faithfully perform all the duties of Vice Chief, or Daughter of Fount of this Lodge; that you will obey the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and of this Lodge; and in case of the absence of the Chief, or Presiding Daughter, will generally fulfil all obligations entered into by them. All of which you pledge yourselves to perform, with the determination to keep your pledges unbroken.

Ans.—I do.

Lodge seated.

Having taken the Obligation imposed by the regulations of our Order, in the name of the Grand

Lodge, I hereby declare you duly installed into the offices of Vice Chief, or Daughter of Fount for the ensuing term.

It will be your especial duty to guard narrowly the entrance into this Lodge room—see that no one is admitted within its precincts who is not duly and legally qualified as a member of this Order. It will also be your duty to act for the Chief, or Presiding Daughter in their absence, and to perform all the duties imposed upon them by the Obligation they have taken.

The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress will invest you with the regalia of your office, and conduct you to your chair.

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we present to you for Installation our worthy Brother, or Sister, whom the members of this Lodge have elected Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

G. C.—Receive the Obligation :

Three raps.

Do you solemnly promise that you will perform all the duties of Recording Secretary of this Lodge faithfully, and in conformity with the Constitutional By-Laws of this Lodge ; that you will at the end of your term, prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary, the Returns required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Also report quarterly to this Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be legally required of you by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Ans.—I do.

Lodge seated.

The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress will now invest you with the regalia of your office, and you will take your seat as Recording Secretary of this Lodge. Be faithful and diligent,

as on the correct performance of your duties the unity and success of the Lodge much depend.

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we present to you for Installation our worthy Brother, or Sister, whom the members of this Lodge have duly elected Financial Secretary.

G. C.—Receive the Obligation :

Three raps.

Do you solemnly promise in the presence of the members here assembled, that you will faithfully perform all the duties of Financial Secretary of this Lodge ; that you will keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, paying over immediately to the Treasurer whatever moneys may come into your hands belonging to this Lodge, and well and truly doing all things which may be legally required of you as Financial Secretary of this Lodge, either by order of the Lodge, or by the general regulations of the Grand Lodge, and report quarterly to this Lodge : all of which you will, on your honor, to the best of your ability fulfil.

Ans.—I do.

Lodge seated.

Being willing to assume the duties, and having taken this solemn Obligation, I declare you duly installed as Financial Secretary of this Lodge.

Be faithful and just, diligent and circumspect, that errors may not creep in, nor integrity be abused by any act of yours.

The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress will invest you with the regalia of your office, and conduct you to your chair.

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we present to you for Installation our worthy Brother, or Sister,

whom the members of this Lodge have elected to be their Treasurer for the ensuing term, one year.

G. C.—Receive the Obligation :

Three raps.

Do you, on your honor, solemnly promise that you will faithfully perform all the duties of Treasurer of this Lodge, holding such moneys as may come into your hands belonging to the Lodge, as a sacred trust, subject at any time to the draft of the officers of the Lodge, but to be used by you for no other purpose whatever ; you further pledge yourself that you will not wrong the Lodge, nor any member of the Order, to the value of anything ; and will truly keep and faithfully deliver up at the end of your term of office whatever property of any kind may be in your possession belonging to it ; you will also make a quarterly report to the Lodge, and will generally perform such duties as may be legally required of you by virtue of the Constitution and By-Laws, or the regulations of the Grand Lodge : all this you promise to perform, with a full determination to keep your pledge unbroken.

Ans.—I do.

Lodge seated.

Having assumed the duties, and taken this solemn obligation, I declare you duly installed in the office of Treasurer of this lodge, and entitled to be invested with the regalia of your office, with which the Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress, will now clothe you.

Yours is a responsible duty. Remember, that on the integrity of the Treasurer depends, to a great extent, the success of the Order. The fund with which you will be entrusted is a sacred one, accumulated to relieve distress, to alleviate the pains of sickness,

to comfort and assist the widow and orphan. Let then strict probity be your characteristic, so that when your term of office shall have expired you will be able to retire from it with credit to yourself and with honor to the lodge to which you are attached.

You will now take your positions.

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we present to you for installation [giving their names], who have been appointed to fill the offices of Chaplain or Daughter of Lessons, Conductor or Daughter Conductress, Inside Sentinel or Daughter of Keys, Outside Sentinel or Daughter of Pass.

G. C.—Brothers and Sisters, you have been selected by the members of this lodge to perform several important duties. To you, Worthy Chaplain, and Daughter of Lessons, is intrusted the pleasing duty of directing the mind of the candidate for initiation to wholesome and solemn considerations, preparatory to receiving the initiatory charges.

The Conductor and Daughter Conductress are to assist at the initiation of candidates, to have charge of the regalia, preserving it in proper order, providing it for use on each lodge night, and depositing it in its proper place when the lodge is closed.

To the Inside and Outside Sentinels, Daughter of Keys and Daughter of Pass, is entrusted the admission of members into the lodge-room — a duty, which, as our Order increases in numbers, requires constantly additional care, prudence and circumspection. Prove every member; admit none, unless you are satisfied of the justice of their claim to admission, nor until approved by the Vice-Chief, or Daughter of Fount.

Do you each promise faithfully to perform the several duties assigned you?

Ans.—I do.

Then by virtue of authority vested in me, I hereby declare you duly installed into your several offices. The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress, will now invest you with the appropriate regalia, and conduct you to your stations.

G. Con.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, we have the honor to present to you Brother ——— and Sister ———, who have served this lodge as Chief and Presiding Daughter during the term just closed.

G. C.—In accordance with the usage of our honorable Order, you will now be passed, by right of rotation, to the office of Past Chief, or Past Presiding Daughter.

The Grand Conductor, or Grand Daughter Conductress, will now devest you of your regalia and conduct you to the Sacred Altar, where you will receive the Past Chief's or Past Presiding Daughter's obligation.

Three raps.

In the presence of Almighty God and my Brothers and Sisters here assembled, I will, to the best of my judgement and ability, perform honestly, faithfully and punctually all the duties of my office as Past Chief, or Past Presiding Daughter, of this lodge; that I will, upon all occasions, conform to the regulations, rules, usages and ceremonies of the Order, and enforce and maintain the rules thereof, and that I will see that the lodge is opened and closed at the proper hour, and allow no infringement of the laws whatever. I furthermore promise, should this lodge ever become closed, forfeited or expelled, I will forward, without delay, to the Supreme Grand Secretary, or to the Grand Lodge, the dispensation books and everything in my possession, belonging to the secret works of the Order,

that I have, or may hereafter be placed in my possession, and that I will not wrong a Brother, Sister, or any member of the Order, out of one cent, nor suffer others to do so, if it is in my power to prevent it. God being my helper.

The I. O. gives the Grip and Pass-word of a P. C. or P. D.

One rap.

G. C.—The Grand Conductor, or Daughter Conductress, will now clothe you with the regalia of your office and conduct you to your chair.

G. C.—(Calls up the lodge). Brothers (Sisters), are you satisfied with the officers of your lodge whom we have this night installed?

Ans.—We are.

G. C.—Brothers (Sisters), you will form the line of march, members two abreast, and conduct the officers to their respective stations by singing the

INSTALLATION ODE.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
  Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race.
  A remnant weak and small;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Ye gentiles, sinners, ne'er forget
  The wormwood and the gall;
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Teachers, who surely know His love,
  Who feel your sin and thrall,
Now join with all the hosts above,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Or This:

TUNE: *Ganges*, or *Merivale.*

"Let there be light!" the Almighty spoke;
Refulgent streams from chaos broke,
  To illume the rising earth;
Well pleased, the Great Jehovah stood —
The Power Supreme pronounced it good,
  And gave the planets birth.

Parent of light, accept our praise,
Who shed'st on us Thy brightest rays —
  The light that fills the mind;
By choice selected, lo! we stand,
By friendship joined, a social band
  That love — that aid mankind.

The brother's woe, the widow's sigh,
Our ready hand their wants supply,
  As far as power is given;
The needy clothe, the prisoner free:
These are Thy works, sweet Charity,
  Revealed to us from heaven.

Lodge seated. The Installing Officer steps to one side, and the Chief, or Presiding Daughter, rise and remain standing in front of their chairs while the Grand Chief communicates the Password and addresses them as follows:

G. C.—Worthy Brother and Sister, you have voluntarily entered into a solemn obligation faithfully to perform the duties devolving on you as the presiding officer of this lodge. The interests of the Order generally, and especially of this lodge, demand of you a faithful and impartial administration of the laws of this lodge, and of the Order; and having the fullest confidence in your ability and willingness to perform that duty, I now place

in your hands the charter and private works of the Order, also this gavel, the emblem of power.

Three raps.

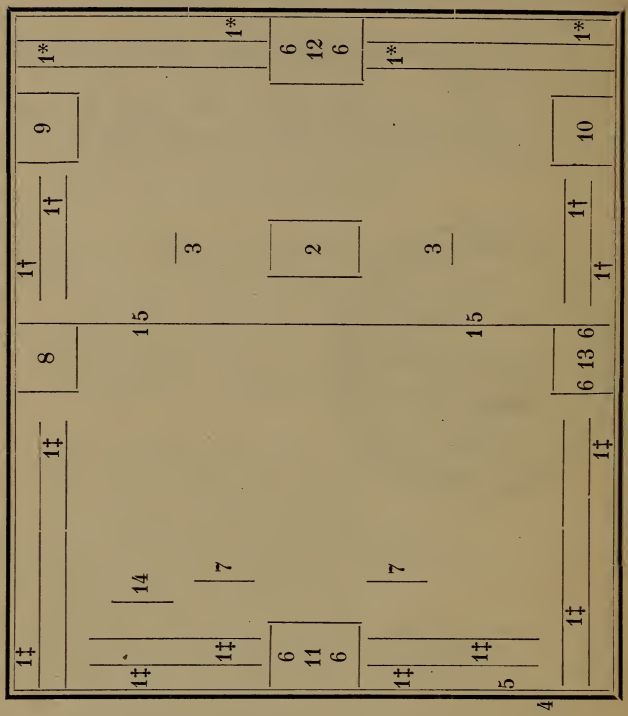
The members will now salute their newly installed officers.

I now declare the officers of this lodge duly installed and qualified to fill their several offices.

Lodge seated.

I. O. OF G. S. AND D. OF S., U. S. OF AMERICA.

Plan of Lodge Room.



1*. Seats for distinguished visitors.
1†. Seats for Past Officers.
1‡. Seats for Members.
2. Sacred Altar.
3. Pillars of Instruction and Reflection.
4. Outside Sent. or D. of Key.
5. Inside Sent. or D. of Pass.
6. Supporters.
7. Conductors.
8. Chaplain or D. of Lesson.
9. Secretary.
10. Treasurer.
11. Vice Chief or D. of Fount.
12. W. Chief or P. Daughter.
13. W. P. C. or P. P. D.
14. Water Stand.
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